for the grant of Letters of Intent from public and private sector during the years 1984, 1985 and 1986 is given in the statement enclosed. [*See* Appendix CXLI, Annexure No. 17] Statistics in respect of Government sponsored companies or agencies as such is not centrally maintained.

Working of State Electricity Boards

535. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 16th Jan, '87 regarding Prime Minister's observation that money being spent on voltage stabilisers is a national wastage and that State Electricity Boards should be made responsible for the damages to sophisticated equipments caused by power fluctuations; and

(b) if so, what specific steps have been taken in this direction by each State Electricty Board and what are the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b The supply of power to consumers by the Stute Electricity Boards is regulated under the Indian Electricity Rules 1956 which provide for permissible limits of voltage. Use of voltage stabilizers helps in maintaining stable conditions of voltage for requipments which are sensitive to voltage variations. State Electricity Boards/ State Governments have been advised from time to time to take measures for the strengthening of power transmission and distribution networks to improve quality of power supply.

Electricity generation in the country

536. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the electricity generation is picking up on percentage basis during the last one year; if so; what are the details thereof;

(b) what is the total newly added capacity in terms of Mega Watts during the last one year and its, category-wise, such as hydel, thermal, atomic, non-conventional;

(c) what is the overall volume of electricity supply in the country, state-wise and sector-wise such as, industrial, agricultural, domestic etc. during the last one year; and

(d) what are the Statewise plant load factor and generation capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes Sir. The Electricity generation during the period April 1986-January, 1987 was 10.3 per cent more as compared to the generation in the corresponding period last year.

(b) The additional capacity commissioned during April '86—January '87 was 1812 Mega Watts comprising 1500 MW thermal, and 312 MW hydro.

(c) and (d) The required information is given in Annexures I and II.

[*See* Appendix CXLI Annexure No. 18].

Polyester Scandal

537. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that charges were made agains Reliance Textile Industries in an article "Monopoly House behind Polyester Scandal" published in the

Sunday Standard, Bangalore edition in July, 1978;

(b) whether these charges were inquired into; and

(c) if so what, action is contemplated relating to the violation of norms revealed thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) The article "Monopoly House behind Polyester Scandal" published in the Sunday Standard, Bangalore edition is 9 years old and it may not be possible to say at this stage whether any enquiry was made and action taken thereon.

Increase in the Drug Prices

538. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of most of the medicines have gone up more than double during the last three years;

(b) what were the prices of Aromine, Stemetil, Largactil, Duoluton, Primolut, Mellerli, Hydergine Dilantine, Sodium, Valium, Siquil Tablets, Proluton, Menstrogen injections and Waterbury Compond, Agarol in January, 1984 and in January, 1987; and

(c) what was the justification for the price rise and whether Government made any verification about the increased prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Information to the extent available is shown in the attached annexure.

[*See* Appendix CXLI, Annevure No. 19].

(c) As per the DPCO, 1979, Government do not make verification of increases in prices of decontrolled drugs.

Prices of theophylline

539. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the units producing Theophylline and Aminophylline in the country, indicating the stage of manufacture of each, licensed capacity, and production of each during the last three years; year-wise;

(b) what was the price fixed by Government for each per kg. alongwith the date and names of units on whose data, the prices were fixed for each drug;

(c) whether it is a fact that the imports of those drugs have been restricted;

(d) whether it is also a fact that manufacturers have increased the prices of these drugs to about double after the import restriction was imposed;

(e) what was the earlier price of each drug per kg. before import restriction and what is their present price; and

(f) what is the percentage increase and on what basis the prices were increased?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (f) Information is being collected.

Power position in southern states

540. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Southern States in the country will not have adequate power supply during the financial year 1987-88; and if so, what is the total power supply required for those States and what is the availability of power therein at present; and